

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on March 22, 2005 at
3:30 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R), Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 684, 3/9/2005; HB 678, 3/9/2005;
HB 683, 3/9/2005
Executive Action: SB 507

HEARING ON HB 684

00:00:11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 684, Revise weight limits along Canadian border.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:45 Pat Keim, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:01:52

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:24 SEN. WEINBERG to Jim Lynch

00:06:12

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 678

00:07:18

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 678, Revise length limits on triple-trailer truck configuration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:08 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

00:14:50 Don Judge, Lobbyist for Teamsters' Union

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:33 Willie Duffy, on behalf of self and his trucking company

Informational Testimony: None.

00:19:00

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:39 SEN. COCCHIARELLA for Spook Stang, Executive Director,
Montana Motor Carriers Association

00:37:00

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 683

00:38:11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DEE BROWN (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 683, Transfer
school bus inspections from Justice to law enforcement.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:40 James Kimbel, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police
00:42:24 Gordon Morris, Director, Montana Association of Counties
00:44:11 Cathy McGowan, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers
Association
00:45:30 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractor's Association
00:49:27 Bill Dove, Montana Police Protective Association
00:51:14 Bob Worthington, MMIA

Informational Testimony:

00:51:36 Clancy King, District Support Captain, Montana Highway
Patrol

00:53:59

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:12

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 507

01:12:08

Motion: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that SB 507 DO PASS.

Motion: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved AMENDMENT SB050701.ajk to SB 507.

01:12:10

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT](#)(his63a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(his63a02)

01:13:00

Vote: Motion to accept amendment SB050701.ate carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BLACK AND SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

01:18:22

Motion: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved AMENDMENT SB050702.ajk to SB 507.

Discussion:

01:18:22 Brenda Nordland, Department of Justice

01:31:32

Vote: Motion to accept amendment SB050702.ate carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. LASLOVICH voting no. SEN. BLACK AND SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

01:34:05

Motion/Vote: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that SB 507 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BLACK AND SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GP/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his63aad0.PDF](#))